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| For: PROCESSING APPARATUS, |) | |
| MEASURING APPARATUS, | : | |
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CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese priority applications:

Japan 10-060591, filed February 25, 1998;

Japan 10-060708, filed February 25, 1998;

Japan 10-060723, filed February 25, 1998; and

Japan 11-015102, filed January 25, 1999.

Certified copies of the priority documents were submitted in parent
Application No. 09/257,258.

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